

Amendments to the Drawings:

Attached annotated sheets 4/15; 7/15; 8/15; and 9/15 of the drawings includes changes to Figures 4, 8, 9, and 11 shown in red.

In particular, Figure 4 is amended herein to change the locations of the reference lines associated with reference numbers "43" and "45".

Figure 8 is amended herein to replace one occurrence of reference number "145" with reference number "148" in accordance with amendments made to the specification.

Figures 9 and 11 are amended herein to replace reference numbers "145" and "147" with reference numbers "148" and "150", respectively, in accordance with amendments made to the specification.

Replacement sheets 4/15; 7/15; 8/15; and 9/15 are also enclosed as final drawings if the Examiner finds the changes to Figures 4, 8, 9, and 11 to be acceptable.

Attachments: Annotated Sheets 4/15; 7/15; 8/15; and 9/15 Showing Changes

Replacement Sheets 4/15; 7/15; 8/15; and 9/15

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Amendments to the Specification

The specification is amended herein to correct various informalities and typographical errors. As also described herein, Figures 8, 9, and 11 are amended in accordance with the following amendments to the specification.

The paragraph beginning at page 18, line 3, is amended on page 18 at line 6, to replace “(RF)” with “(R)”. The paragraph beginning at page 21, line 3, is amended on page 22 at line 4 to replace reference number “145” with reference number “148”. The paragraph beginning at page 22, line 5, is amended on page 22 at line 9 to replace reference number “145” with reference number “148”. The paragraph beginning at page 22, line 5, is also amended on page 22 at line 10 to replace the word “third” with “fourth” and to replace reference number “147” with reference number “150”.

No new matter is introduced by the aforementioned amendments to the specification.

II. Amendments to the Drawings

As previously described on page 7 of this Amendment and Response, Figs. 4, 8, 9, and 11 are amended herein to correct various informalities and in accordance with various amendments to the specification. As such, no new matter is introduced by the amendments to the figures.

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner’s approval of these proposed drawing changes.

III. Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 15, and 16 are amended herein to correct various informalities. More particularly, these claims amended to end in with a period. As such, the amendments to claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 15, and 16 are not narrowing amendments related to patentability.

IV. Objection to Claim 1

In the Office action, claim 1 is objected to because it ends with a semicolon and an “and”. As described above, claim 1 is amended herein to end in a period. Therefore, it is believed that claim 1 is no longer objectionable and such indication is respectfully requested.

V. NonStatutory Double Patenting Rejection of Claims 1, 2, and 4

In the Office action, claims 1, 2, and 4 of the subject application are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 26 and 45 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,732,947. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the rejections of claims 1, 2, and 4.

Therefore, it is believed that claims 1, 2, and 4 are believed to be in form for allowance, and such indication is respectfully requested

VI. Indication of Allowable Subject Matter and Objections to Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his indication that claims 13-20 contain allowable subject matter, and for his indication that claims 3 and 5-12 would be allowable if appropriately rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims.

Claims 3 and 5-12 depend from and include all the limitations of independent claim 1. As previously mentioned, a terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the rejection of independent claim 1. As such, it is believed claims 3 and 5-12 are now allowable and is therefore unnecessary to rewrite these claims in independent form.

As such, claims 3 and 5-12 are believed to be in form for allowance, and such indication is respectfully requested.

VII. Conclusion

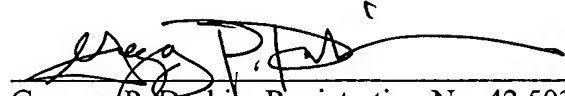
For at least the various reasons discussed herein, it is believed that claims 1-20 are in form for allowance, and such indication is respectfully requested. This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office action of January 12, 2005. A petition for a one month extension of under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is filed herewith, making this Amendment due on or before Thursday, May 12, 2005. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 the amount of \$125.00 to cover the \$60.00 extension of time fee and the \$65.00 Terminal Disclaimer fee. It is believed no further fees are due with respect to the filing of this Amendment; however, if additional petitions or fees are required, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 accordingly.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

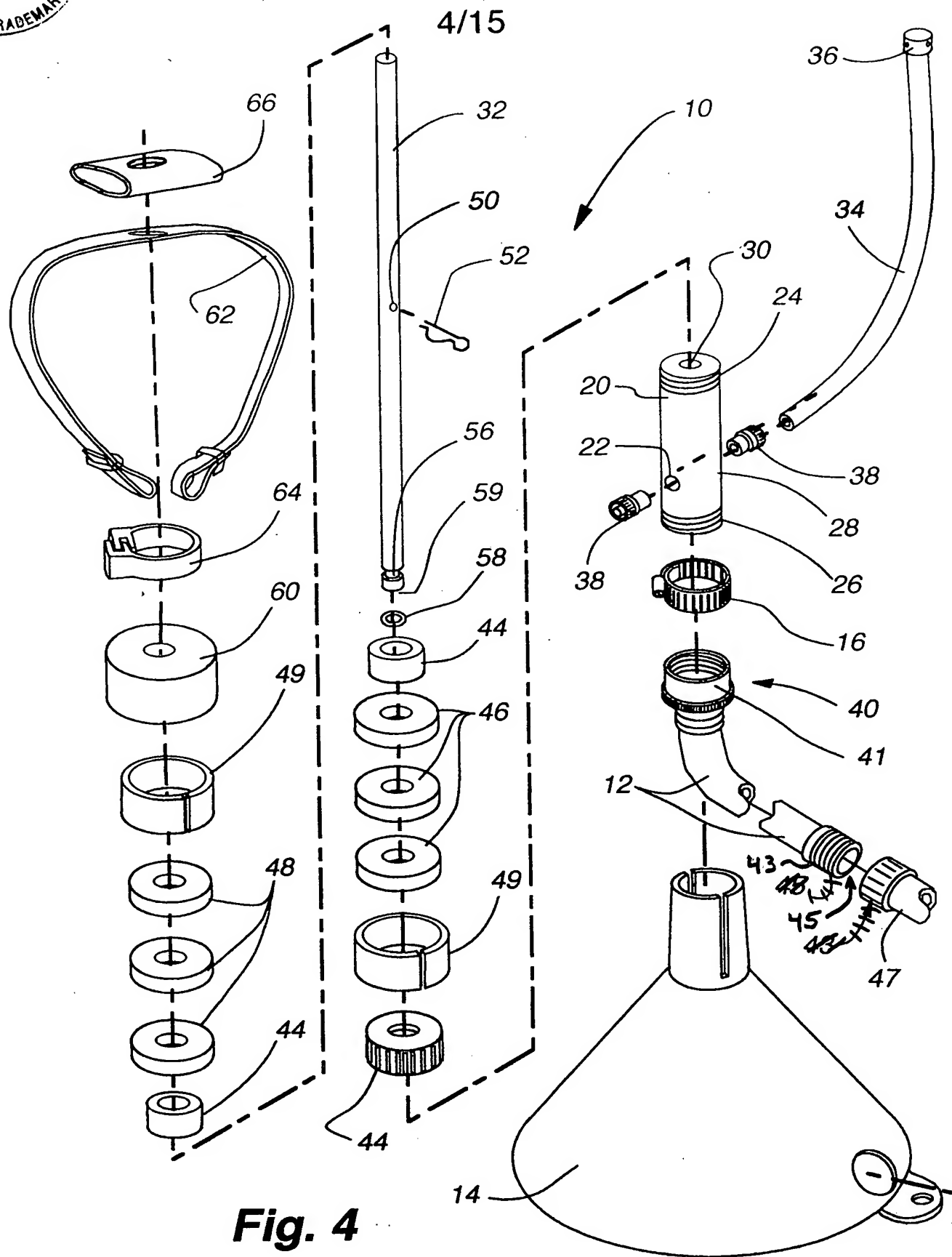
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Respectfully submitted,

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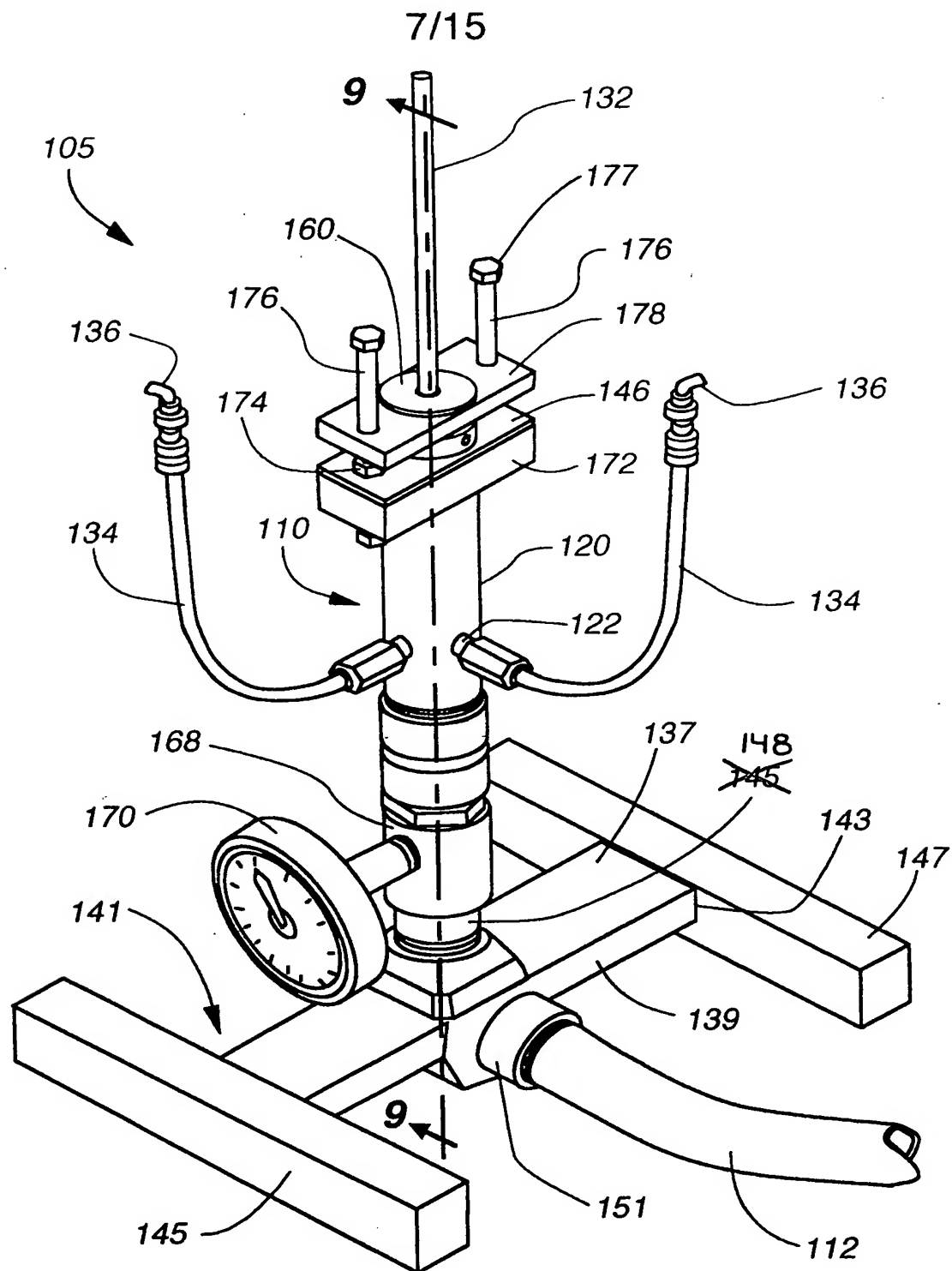


Fig. 8

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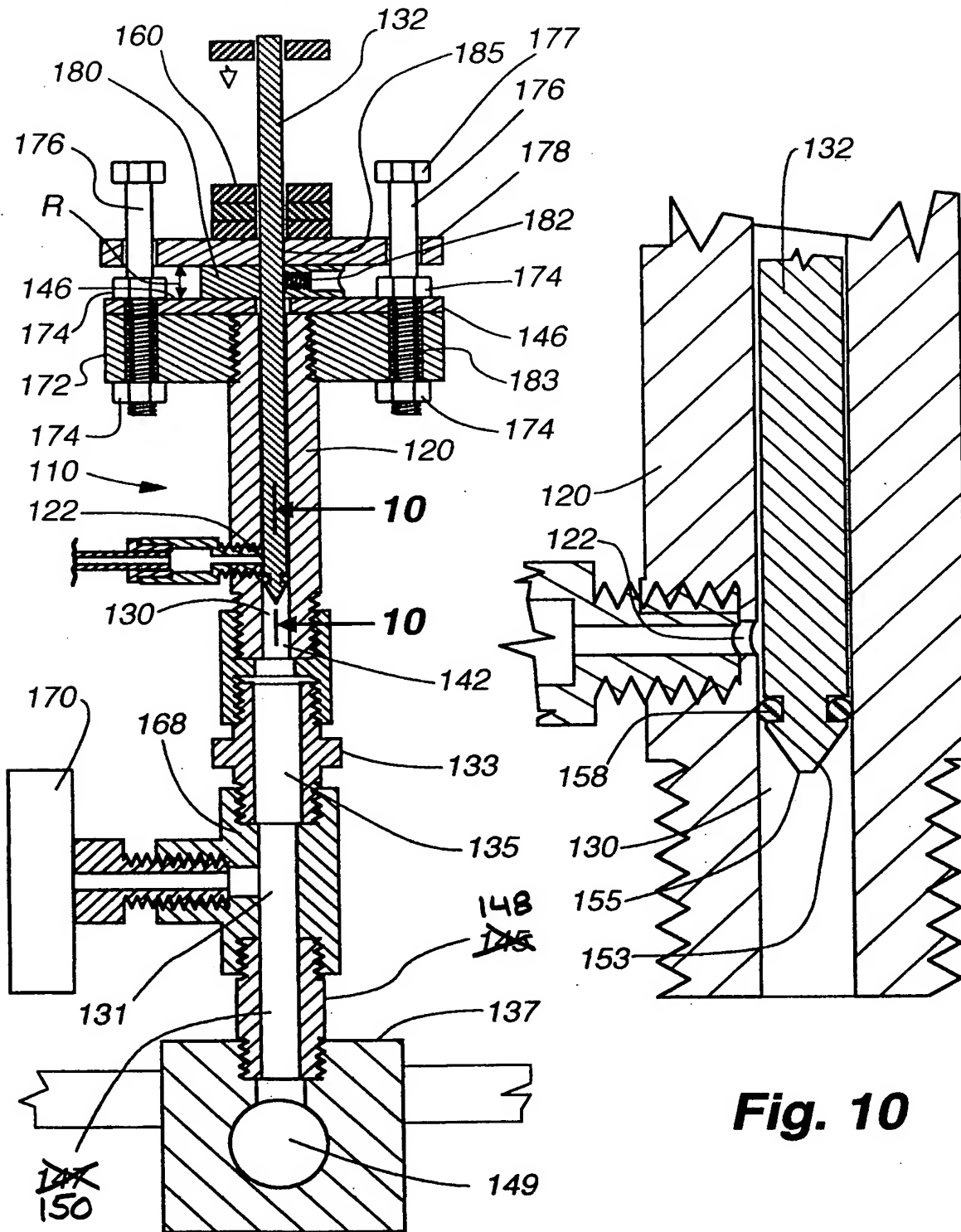


Fig. 9

Fig. 10

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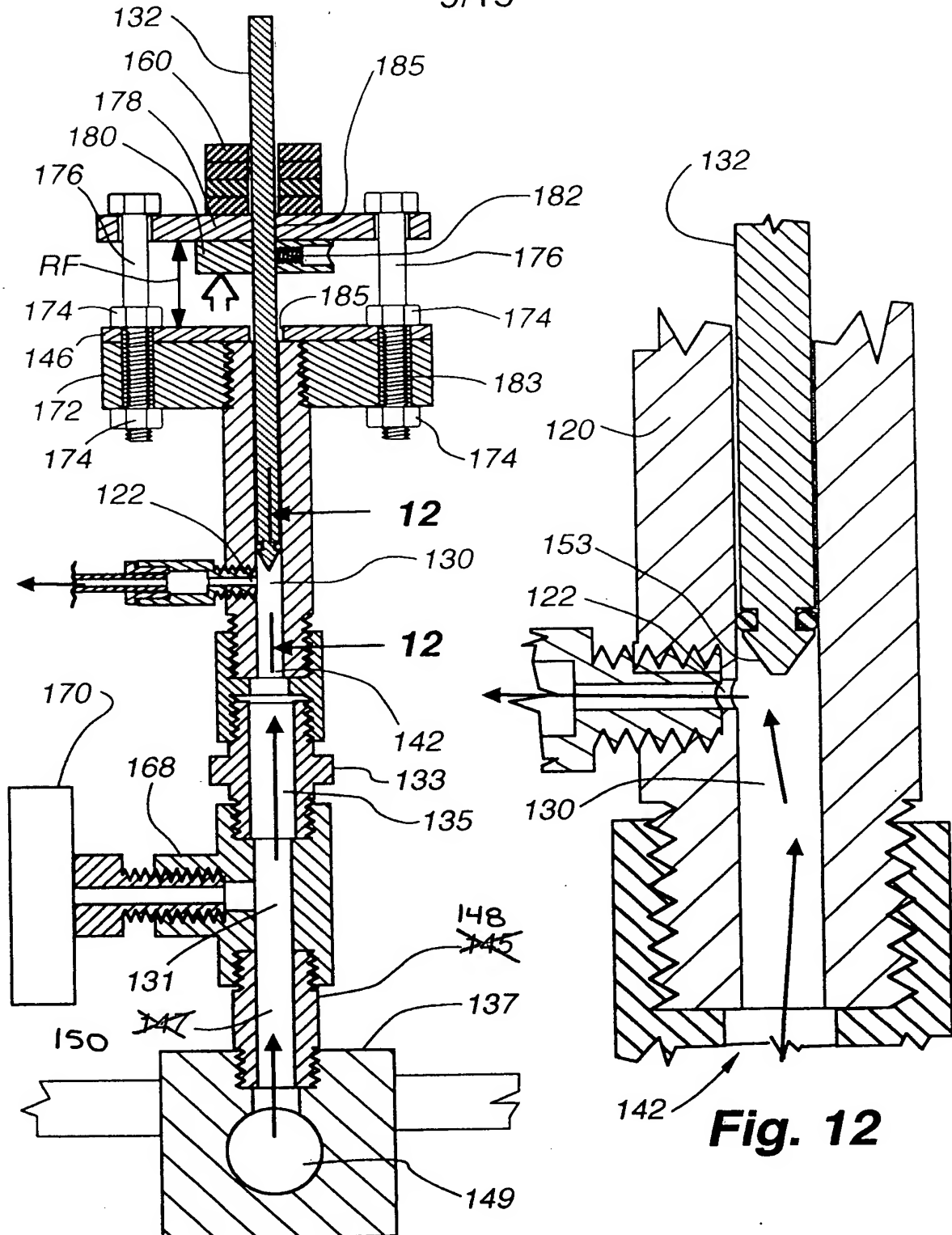


Fig. 11

Fig. 12